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SUBJ: NEW GOVT APPOINTS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

1. COSGRAVE GOVT MARCH 15 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES. MEN ASSIGNED TO THESE TASKS ARE SOMETIMES CALLED " JUNIOR MINISTERS," AND FOLLOW MINISTERS IN DAIL STATUS. ONE-- CHIEF WHIP AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE TAOISEACH-- OFTEN DRAWS MORE ATTENTION THAN SOME OF LESS ACTIVE MINISTERS. FOLLOWING ARE NEW APPOINTEES:

A) JOHN KELLY (FINE GAEL), PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO TAOISEACH AND MINISTER FOR DEFENSE. ALSO SERVES AS CHIEF WHIP, FOLLOWING NORMAL IRISH CUSTOM.

B) HENRY KENNY (FINE GAEL) TO MINISTER FOR FINANCE, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOARD OF WORKS.

C) MICHAELCAHUMURPHY (LABOR) TO MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, WITH PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FISHERIES.

D) RICHARD BARRY (FINE GAEL) TO MINISTER FOR HEALTH.

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E) FRANK CLUSKEY (LABOR) TO MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE. (AS DEPUTY PM, BRENDAN CORISH HOLDS BOTH HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE PORTFOLIOS. HE THUS HAS TWO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES, BARRY AND CLUSKEY.)

F) MICHAEL BEGLEY (FINE GAEL) TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVT.

G) JOHN BRUTON (FINE GAEL) TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

2. TOW OF NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ARE FROM WEST COAST AND ONE IS FROM CORK, BROADENING GOVT' S GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. (MINISTERS ARE HEAVILY FROM EAST AND ESPECIALLY DUBLIN AREA). MANY OF NEW APOINTEES ARE BRIGHT YOUNG MEN WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED FOR MINISTRIES HAD EQUALLY TALENTED OLDER DEPUTIES NOT BEEN AVAILABLE. MOORE

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